

The Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership: A Forum for Regional Coordination

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The purpose of the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) is to provide a forum for coordinating state, federal, and tribal aquatic habitat and salmonid monitoring programs. Improved communication, shared resources and data, and compatible monitoring efforts provide increased scientific credibility, cost-effective use of limited funds and greater accountability to stakeholders. PNAMP provides leadership through the development and the advancement of recommendations and agency level agreements that are considered for adoption by the participating agencies. PNAMP has adopted the following goals: 1) improve communication between monitoring programs across state, tribal, and federal organizations; 2) improve scientific information needed to inform resource policy and management questions and decisions; 3) seek efficiencies and cost-effectiveness across monitoring programs through compatible and cooperative monitoring efforts; 4) promote science-based credibility of monitoring and assessment efforts; 5) share resources and information between monitoring programs across state, tribal, and federal organizations. PNAMP receives significant policy support and direction by member organizations, commitments of technical resources and staff time and funding for the coordination itself. As part of a monitoring coordination structure, PNAMP has identified and developed technical working groups for five key elements of monitoring: watershed condition monitoring, effectiveness monitoring, fish population monitoring, estuary monitoring, and data management.